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Prior to mid-October 1953, the return movement of Soviet troops to the barracks installations in Prenzlau was completed. Some of the elements of tank units Kusmin were said to have remained in Camp Vogelsang. The tank sheds in the barracks installation on the north-west side of Berliner Strasse were partially vacant. 1 Soviet documents found in the officers' billets on 5 October included the following:

- 25X1B a. The draft of a loyalty and condolence telegram by EM, sergeants and officers of Unit   to the Central Committee of the All-Communist Party in the Kremlin, Moscow, on the occasion of Stalin's death.
- 25X1B b. A draft of an instruction schedule for political indoctrination of soldiers and sergeants serving their second year of service, approved by Gds Colonel Akhtyamov (fnu), political deputy commander of Unit  .
- c. Notes for a speech on the occasion of Armored Command Day in 1952 with a pencilled line stating that the notes were made for Colonel Akhtyamov (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Semenov (fnu).
- d. A draft of a lecture held on the occasion of Armored Command Day with information on engagements of the Fourth Tank Army during World War II, indicating that the army first saw action in 1943 in the area of Kozelsk, was employed near Orel-Verkhovye from 26 July until 20 September 1943, participated in the conquest of Orel and Unecha and a large number of other towns and places, was subordinated to the First Ukrainian Front in 1944, and distinguished itself in the Kamenets-Podolsk operation and from 8 March to 20 April made a raid and, at that time, was assigned Colonel General D.D. Lelyushenko as commander-in-chief. In the summer of 1944, the army participated in the Lvov operation, conquered Lvov and, then, took part in the Dorogobych operation and in establishing a bridgehead on the western bank of the Vistula River in the fall of 1944. The army executed the glorious Vistula operation and, after crossing the Oder River, was the first

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to penetrate into Germany. First [ ] employed in Oppeln - Ratibor, the army participated in the conquest of Berlin and was the first to reach the southern suburbs of Berlin and conquered Potsdam and a number of other German towns. Eight elements of the army were surnamed Berlin. The army finally liberated Prague. About 35,000 soldiers of the army were decorated and 110 were made heroes of the USSR. Two commanding officers were double heroes of the USSR. All elements of the army were awarded a total of 146 orders. On 17 March 1945, the army was made a guards army. The lecture also contained information on the 25th Tank Div which belonged to the Fourth Gds Tank Army as a corps for more than five years. This corps was activated in July 1942, participated in the defense of Voronezh, the offensive of the South-West Front and the Don Front from 1942 to 1943, the battle of Orel in July 1943, the attack operations of the First Ukrainian Front from December 1943 to March 1944, and in the summer offensive of the First Ukrainian Front in the summer of 1944. The corps saw combat action in the Carpathian mountains near Krosno and the Dukla Pass in September and October 1944 and, in 1945, took part in the liberation of Poland and Czechoslovakia and the conquest of Berlin. Soldiers participating in these actions were awarded medals for the liberation of Berlin and the conquest of Prague. 2 [ ]

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- 25X1A. [ ] Comment. Compare with a report by same source of 10 October and with the units of the 25th Tank Div mentioned in the comment on this report.
- 25X1A See [ ] Elements of the 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the division possibly still were in Vogelsang in mid-October. Colonel Kuzmin (fnu) is carried as commanding officer of the regiment.

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- 25X1A2. [ ] Comment. [ ] 25th Tank Div in Prenzlau. Lieutenant Colonel Semenov (fnu) was previously reported as officer of a tank unit of the division. He possibly belongs to the abovementioned regiment. The battle history of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, formerly Fourth Gds Tank Army and the 25th Tank Div, formerly XXV Tank Corps, checks with the available information from World War II, except for the information on the activation of the tank corps which, having been completely defeated during the first year of the war, was reactivated in July 1942. Colonel General D. D. Lelyushenko was commander-in-chief of the army from 1944 to 1948.

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